

Time Sensitive Content

The ESSER III Out-of-School Time (OST) Grant application deadline has been extended to Friday November 4, 2022 at 4:00 PM for Local Education Agency (LEAs); public school districts and independent charter schools, and Community Based Organizations (CBO) **who have not already submitted an application for this competitive grant.** Application, guidance documents, and Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the [ESSER III OST grant website](#).

The reason for this extension is that the requested amount of grant funds in currently submitted applications does not exceed the available funds. The intent of these funds is to address academic, social-emotional, and mental health needs of students impacted by COVID 19. It is DPI's intent to ensure that all funds allocated find their way into out-of-school time programs to support Wisconsin students, families and communities.

How funds will be awarded:

All applications will be sorted by eligibility status.

1. Sparsity Aid eligible LEAs
2. Non-Sparsity Aid eligible LEAs and,
3. CBOs

All applicants will receive an average score. Applications must receive at least a 3.0 average score to be considered for any funding.

In Round 1, only Sparsity Aid eligible LEA applications will be ranked by average score. Funding from the \$15.4 million set aside will be awarded to the applicants from the highest average score through the list of applications until all 3.0, or higher, applications are funded or until no funding of the \$15.4 million remains.

If funding remains from the \$15.4 million set aside from Round 1, the competition enters Round 2.

In Round 2, the only remaining eligible applicants are non-Sparsity Aid LEAs, since all Sparsity Aid eligible applicants that received at least a 3.0 will have been awarded in Round 1. These applications will be ranked based on the average score. The funding that remains from Round 1 will be awarded in this round to the highest scoring non-Sparsity Aid eligible applications through the applications scoring 3.0 or until the \$15.4 million is expended.

In Round 3, the \$5 million appropriated by Motion 57 will be awarded. All LEAs scoring a 3.0 or higher that did not get funded in Round 2 will move to this round. The average scores of the LEAs will be ranked, along with the average scores of the CBO applicants. Funding will be awarded to the highest scoring applicants through applications scoring at a 3.0 or until the \$5 million is expended. Sparsity Aid eligible LEAs are not eligible for Round 3 since all Sparsity Aid eligible applicants that received at least a 3.0 will have been awarded in Round 1.

Important Note: Eligible applicants that submitted their applications by the original due date of October 14, 2022 will be considered for funding first. Those submitting by November 4, 2022 will be considered for any funds that remain in either the \$15.4 million set aside (for Sparsity Aid eligible LEAs and all other LEAs) and the \$5 million (for LEAs and CBOs).